

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Malgorzata Kulczycka on 01/22/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Adding a new BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS to the Detailed Description of the Invention.

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 illustrates an embodiment of architecture of a reference monitor simulator;

FIG. 2 illustrates an embodiment of a process used to process trace data;

FIG. 3 illustrates an embodiment of a process used to evaluate security rules implemented by a simulator;

FIG. 4 depicts a transmission of propagated signals between a provider and a customer to facilitate the simulation of a reference monitor according to one embodiment.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRANG DOAN whose telephone number is (571)272-0740. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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